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REMARKS

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1. On 28 November 1951, eight boxcars loaded with billeting equipment were moved from Verneuchen airfield to the railroad station. On 29 November, the field was inspected by six officers. Eight boxcars loaded with small bombs and two flatcars with two searchlights were moved into the field on 30 November. One hundred and fifty-eight soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets marched from the railroad station to the field. Ten boxcars with equipment, three flatcars with lumber, and one flatcar arrived at the field. Lighting facilities were observed at the field after 1 December. On 4 December, 12 railroad tank cars and 6 boxcars with personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were moved from the railroad station to the airfield.

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2. The troops quartered in the buildings located in the eastern section of the field boarded a train that was on the spur track during the night of 23 November. Only a small detail was left behind. The fuel containers on the northern edge of the field had plates with the inscription 24,600 liters. *

3. Two searchlights, one 80 cm and the other 1 meter in diameter, mounted on trucks, and a new tank truck with a rod antenna arrived at the field by rail.

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4. The runway was inspected and accepted by a commission at 4 p.m. on 1 December. After 2 December, the German workers were no longer allowed to cross the runway.

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5. On 6 December, 36 type-27 planes, 3 twin-engine aircraft of an undetermined type and 24 PO-2s were parked at the field. **

6. About 100 to 150 soldiers who were unarmed and carried no

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baggage marched in several groups from the railroad station to the field about 5 a.m. on 29 November. About 1:10 p.m. on 1 December, approximately 80 soldiers who carried trunks went in two groups from the railroad station to the field. A horse-drawn vehicle loaded with baggage left the railroad station toward the field at 1:20 p.m. At 1:50 p.m., a train was shunted on the new railroad siding as far as a point behind the hangars. Three boxcars occupied by troops, four flatcars each loaded with a tank truck trailer, two flatcars with a tank truck each, and one flatcar with a truck were observed on the train. About 11 a.m. on 3 December, about 60 Russian women in uniforms marched from the railroad station to the field. They were unarmed and did not carry any baggage. A train of 10 boxcars with EM, two flatcars with equipment, two flatcars with tank truck trailers and one flatcar with a tank truck moved on the spur track to the rear of the hangars at about 1 p.m.

7. On 4 December, a train of 45 cars including 31 boxcars, 8 tank cars, 2 flatcars with fuel containers, and 4 cars with steel equipment moved on the spur track toward the hangars. About 11:30 a.m. on 5 December, 150 men without baggage marched from the railroad station to the barracks installations near the field. Three trucks with trailers loaded with bombs moved toward Freienwalde, probably to the recently repaired bomb dump.

8. [REDACTED]

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9. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 11 December, five jet planes, high-wing monoplanes, were parked in front of the hangars at the field. About noon, a biplane took off and circled once over the field. [REDACTED]

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10. [REDACTED]

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11. On 8 December, 40 silver gray type-27 planes were parked in front of the hangars and on the western dispersal area at the field. The noses of the planes were covered with tarpaulins. Soviet soldiers worked on runway lights after 1 December. The lights along the southern edge of the runway were completed. They were white lamps on metal poles about 70 cm high and 50 meters apart. Two red lamps 15 meters apart were at the western end of the runway. About 20 meters west of the runway end, there were five searchlights 50 to 60 cm in diameter and 20 meters apart which stood in a row from north to south. According to workers of the Brandenburg Bauunion, a bomb dump was under construction in the southwestern and triangular area of Hirschfelder Heide west of the Hirschfelde-Schoenefeld road. [REDACTED]

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12. On 15 December, 40 type-27 planes were still parked at the field. [REDACTED]

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25X1 * [] Comment. The troops who were observed boarding a train probably
belonged to the Soviet construction battalion which returned to its
station in Jueterbog upon completion of construction at Werneuchen airfield.
25X1 [] 20 fuel containers were located on the
25X1 northern edge of the field. [] Contrary to the
previously estimated total capacity of the fuel dump, the present report
indicates a total capacity of 492,000 liters if 20 containers are actually
there. This capacity approximately agrees with the assumed capacity of fuel
dumps at other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

25X1 ** [] Comment. These statements confirm the information furnished [] 25X1
25X1 [] according to which the two bomber regiments were transferred from
Jueterbog to Werneuchen on 6 December 1951.

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